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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 17866, SENT SECSTATE 17 JUNE:

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SUBJ: US/VN RELATIONS: NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBOFF SAW SRV LIAISON OFFICER TRAN THIEN CAN AT 1100 ON JUNE 17. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, HE DELIVERED THE EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S JUNE 11 SPEECH AND THE EXCERPT FROM THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF JUNE 15. HE MADE POINTS IN REF A; ALTHOUGH CAN TOOK FAIRLY CAREFUL NOTES, THE REPORT TO PHAN HIEN MAY BE A LITTLE LESS FAITHFUL THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CASE HAD

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DO THANH BEEN THERE.

2. CAN SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE ORAL MESSAGE AND THE TEXTS TO HANOI AND ALSO TO PHAN HIEN WHO IS EXPECTED BACK IN PARIS SUNDAY, JUNE 19. CAN, WHO IS ALWAYS A LITTLE LESS GARRULOUS THAN DO THANH, DID NOT SAY WHERE PHAN HIEN WAS NOR WHY HE WAS REMAINING IN EUROPE.

3. CAN SAID THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE TEXTS OF THE DOLE AMENDMENT AND THE DEBATE PRIOR TO ITS PASSAGE. HE HAD ALSO HEARD OF SOME OF THE HEARINGS HELD BY REPRESENTATIVE FRASER WHICH INCLUDED REMARKS ABOUT VIETNAM. EMBOFF REMINDED HIM THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT CONSIDER STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE'S POSITION. CAN SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTOOD THIS DISTINCTION, BUT THOUGHT THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH COULD PLAY A MORE ACTIVE EDUCATIVE ROLE ALONG THE LINES OF THE JUNE 15 SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT. GAMMON UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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